Homegoing Celebration

For

Betty Jean Bates

June 6, 1937 **July 2, 2012**

Saturday, June 14, 2012

11:00 a.m.

Mount Olive Church of God in Christ
1385 East 21st Street
Los Angeles, California 90011

Bishop Joe L. Ealy, Officiating
Jurisdictional Prelate
Southern California First Jurisdictional
Interim Pastor

Reflections

Ecclesiastes 3:1, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."

On June 6, 1937, a Beautiful baby girl was born to the late Johnny and Mable Bates and was given the name **BETTY JEAN BATES.** She was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and the oldest of six siblings; one sister Johnnie Mae Turner preceded her in death.

In the year of 1942 the parents relocated to Los Angeles, California with three children and the other three siblings were born in there new location. Betty began her primary education from Utah Elementary and Hollenbeck Jr. High. Betty attended and graduated from Manual Arts High School in 1956.

In 1959 she began working for the Department of Registered Voters and transferred to the Auditor-Controller where she supervised the LACERA Data Control Unit which was responsible for updating county payroll system. She retired in 1997 after 33 years of service. Betty received numerous awards and certificates.

After arriving in California the Bates family joined 51st and Holmes Ave. Church of God in Christ under the pastorage of the late Bishop E.B. Stewart and in 1954 the church relocated to this present location and was renamed Mt Olive Church of God in Christ. Following the demised of Bishop Stewart; Elder Joe C. Brewster became the shepherd of the flock for over 30 years.

Betty was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost at the age of 12, growing and maturing in many church auxiliaries of the church beginning with Sunshine Band, Purity Class, Usher Board, Young Women's Christian Counsel, Bureau of Benevolence, Outreach, etc. Betty was president of the General Choir for over 25 years and remained a faithful member of Mt Olive for 70 years.

Betty worked on the committee at the State Women's Convention for many years selling and distributing souvenir journals under the leadership of Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis.

Betty had a quiet and humble spirit and always willing and ready to help in the time of need. Although Betty never married, she had many sons and daughters she was a woman of class and integrity.

Betty enjoyed traveling she has visited many places around the globe. Her favorite foods were Chinese and Spanish.

One nephew, Kevin Gauff, preceded her in death.

On July 2, 2012, at 10:25 p.m. with many family members around her bed, Betty received a summons: Your work down here is finished – move up higher!

Betty leaves to mourn three sisters, Viola Pack, Iva Worthen (Edward), Barbara Banks; one brother Troid Bates; one special and only niece Cynthia Mizell; four nephews Anthony Pack (Lakeysha), Eric Gibbs (Johanna), Jerry Banks (Debra), and Troid Christopher Bates; seven great nephews Marcus, Anthony, Christopher, Marvin II, Nicholas, Johaan, and Anthony Dash; six great nieces Elise, Taylor, Essences, Chris, Kathryn and Erin. Her extended family and best friend Annette James, William Jr., Jonathan, Joel, godson Delson and Adam and a host of Aunts, cousins, relatives and friends.

We love you Betty but God loved you best.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Elder Raymond Pillars, Presiding Moderator

Viewing 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM

Organ Prelude

Processional ..... "I'll Say Yes" ..... Clergy and Family

Prayer ..... Elder Robert Honeycutt

Old Testament ..... Palms 23 ..... Elder Jessie Walls
New Testament ..... Revelation 21:1-5 ..... Elder Robert Collier

Selection ..... "I'm On My Way to Heaven to Meet the King" ..... Combined Choirs

Words of Comfort ..... Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis
State Supervisor of Women Southern California First Jurisdiction

Superintendent Mack Trimble
Pastor Faith Temple Church of God in Christ

Superintendent Lazell Rodgers
Pastor of Normandie Community Temple Church of God in Christ

Theodore Wright, Therapist

Diane Sandoval, co-worker

Solo ..... "I Won't Complain" ..... Evangelist Beverly Willis

Words of Comfort ..... Evangelist Shirley Robbins
Bishop Donald Cook, Pastor of Harvest Tabernacle
Elder Reuben Amie
Sister Dora Ballard, Bureau of Benevolence
Mother Annette James & Family, Toledo, Ohio

Selection ..... "I Love To Praise Him" ..... Combined Choirs

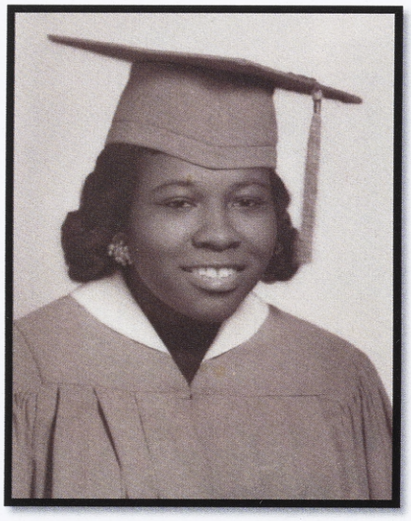
Family Tributes ..... Cynthia Mizell, Anthony Pack,
Jerry Banks, Alberqueque, New Mexico

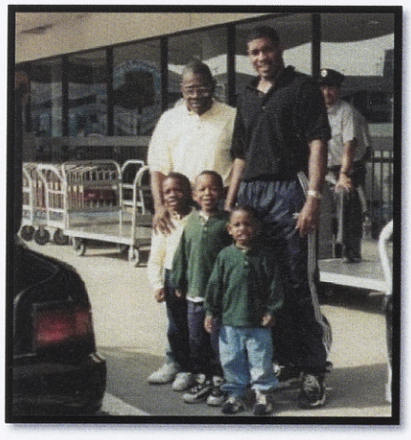
Acknowledgements & Resolutions ..... Sister Vivian Worthen

Reflections ..... Evangelist Gwen Black Ami

Solo ..... "I Never Lost My Praise" ..... Sister Niki Riley
Combined Choirs

The Eulogistic Message ..... Bishop Joe L. Ealy
Jurisdictional Prelate Southern California First Jurisdictional





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Tributes

She Was Different

She was different, she was special, unique in a thousand ways. She was loving and she was giving, and we will miss her all our days. There are those who strive for praise, they yearn for world applause. There are some who chase sweet comfort, as their one and only cause. ***BUT SHE WAS DIFFERENT****.*

She knew sorrow in great measure, and was stung by illness too. But nothing could defeat her, nothing her faith subdue, and when she saw death coming, she did not cower in fear. Instead she called out boldly, "My Lord I'm over here."

Of course the Lord will welcome her, and his angels magnifying. In that beautiful celestial place, devoid of pain and crying. But forgive us Lord for pining, for wishing she was here. It is so hard to give up someone, we have come to love so dear.

Because you see, she was different, she was special, unique in a thousand ways. She was loving, she was giving, and we will miss her, miss her, all our days.

The Family

Aunt Betty,

We just want to thank you for being a great aunt.

You watched us, loved us and you protected us.

We loved being around you because you were you.

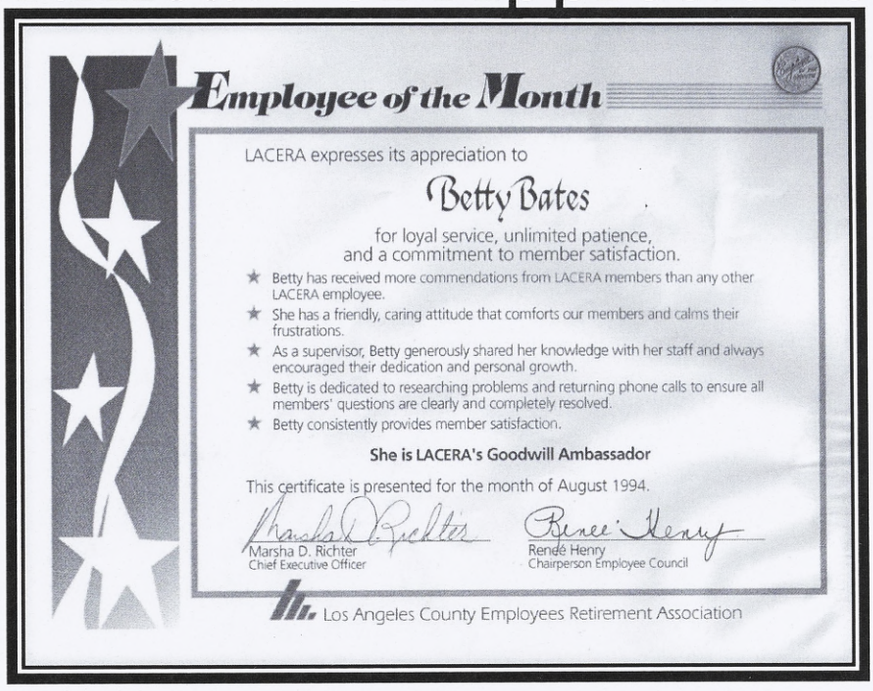
You were always so calm. You always put others before yourself.

Most importantly, Aunt Betty, you taught us how to love God.

Even though we can no longer see you, you will always be an example to the family of what a true woman of God should be.

We love you Aunt Betty,
Taylor and Little Anthony

Certificate of Appreciation



Employee of the Month

LACERA expresses its appreciation to

Betty Bates

for loyal service, unlimited patience,
and a commitment to member satisfaction.

- ★ Betty has received more commendations from LACERA members than any other LACERA employee.
- ★ She has a friendly, caring attitude that comforts our members and calms their frustrations.
- ★ As a supervisor, Betty generously shared her knowledge with her staff and always encouraged their dedication and personal growth.
- ★ Betty is dedicated to researching problems and returning phone calls to ensure all members' questions are clearly and completely resolved.
- ★ Betty consistently provides member satisfaction.

She is LACERA's Goodwill Ambassador

This certificate is presented for the month of August 1994.

Marsha D. Richter
Chief Executive Officer

Renee Henry
Chairperson Employee Council

Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association

Betty Bates Leavin' LACERA Blues
I was sittin' at my desk early one mornin',
When an E-mail gave me the news,
"Betty Bates retiring March 1997,"
Now I's got the Betty Bates leavin' LACERA Blues

Now to be honest, I's had dees blues a long time,
Since I left Auditor's, came here, and saw Betty gone,
They told me, "Betty sits over there now,"
Maybe that's why so many things seemed wrong,

Exception reports piled to da ceilin',
Da place had come totally unglued,
But this was only da beginnin' of my
Betty Bates leavin' LACERA Blues.

Da place was filled with young whippah-snappahs,
Who thought they knew the score,
But they da ones who didn't know,
The real "star incognito" wuz down on the first floor.

But every day I would see her,
And remembered da contributions she made,
And there are plenty of others
Who knew of the part she played.

In building this organization,
At a time when data systems didn't exist.
A-1 quality in everything she did,
And I wanted you all to know this.

Now dees blues ain't sung to offend you,
Just to say, "Betty done paid her dues,"
Now won't you join in the chorus and sing,
The Betty Bates leavin' LACERA Blues.

Active Pallbearers

Troid Christopher Bates ☙ John DeRouen ☙ Charles Miller
Kevin Price ☙ Marvin Jerome Mizell, II ☙ Nicholas Edward Mizell

Honorary Pallbearers

Mount Olive General Choir
Bureau of Benevolence
Mt Olive Out Reach Department

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to

Simpson's Family Mortuary FD# 1166
3443 West Manchester Boulevard
Inglewood, California 90305

Final Resting Place

Inglewood Park Cemetery
720 East Florence Avenue
Inglewood, California 90301

With Gratitude

We truly appreciate the sincere kindness and consideration shown to us through your prayers, messages, flowers, visits, and other expressions of sympathy. Your thoughtfulness will be appreciated and never forgotten.

Repast

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